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(54) **Signaling to support wireless service redirection**

(57) A selective Global Service Redirection mechanism allows a service provider, for instance, to instruct only CDMA2000 (MOB\_P\_REV = 6) mobiles to access specific carrier that is deployed to support advanced services known as 3G services. In another embodiment, data-only CDMA2000 mobiles are instructed to access specific carrier that is optimized to support high speed data services. Additionally, data-only CDMA2000 mobiles may be instructed to access a specific carrier that is optimized to support high speed data services. Pre-CDMA2000 mobiles (MOB\_P\_REV < 6) are redirected by a conventional *Global Service Redirection* Message to another carrier, while CDMA2000 mobiles (MOB\_P\_REV => 6) are instructed to ignore this redirection.

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**Description**

carrier that supports the test.

**Background of the Invention****Brief Description of the Drawings****1. Field of the Invention**

5 [0009]

[0001] The present invention is related to communications; more particularly, the redirection of mobile station's communications.

FIG. 1 illustrates a base station and a mobile station; and

FIG. 2 is a table showing the procedures associated with GSRM and EGSRM messages.

**2. Description of the Prior Art**

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**Detailed Description of the Invention**

[0002] With the Global Service Redirection mechanism currently defined in IS-95B (the telecommunications standard IS95B is hereby incorporated by reference), a base station can redirect mobile stations of the selected subscriber Access Control Overload class (ACCOLC) or classes to a specific CDMA carrier or the analog system. This mechanism can be used by service providers to control CDMA subscriber access to their system for some special situations, for example when deploying a new system and during potential system overload situations.

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[0010] This invention provides an easily implementable, flexible and backward compatible solution for the 3G capable base station to redirect mobile stations to a specific CDMA carrier or the analog system. FIG. 1 illustrates a base station and a mobile station.

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[0011] The base station may redirect mobile stations with the following criteria:

- ACCOLC: multiple ACCOLC classes can be selected.
- Protocol Revision: a given protocol, a range of protocol revisions.
- Service type: all services with an exception, or a specific service such as voice, data, or SMS, etc.

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**Summary of the Invention**

[0004] The present invention provides, in addition to ACCOLC, the use two new attributes for Global Service Redirection, which are mobile station protocol revision (MOB\_P\_REV) and desired service type (specifically data, voice, and SMS, etc), without excluding other potential attributes.

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[0012] A new message - *Extended Global Service Redirection Message* (EGSRM) - is transmitted on the overhead message train by the 3G capable base station as needed. This new message will affect the 3G mobile stations only (i.e., mobile stations with protocol revision (MOB\_P\_REV) equal to or greater than 6).

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[0013] The base station will indicate in the *System Parameter Message* (or the *Extended System Parameter Message* as the alternate option) whether or not this new overhead message (EGSRM) is to be sent. When EGSRM is sent, the 3G capable mobile stations will use this message instead of a *Global Service Redirection Message*, which might be sent as well. The 2G or less advanced mobile stations will use the *Global Service Redirection Message* as usual.

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[0005] Hence, Global Service Redirection mechanism becomes more selective, allowing service provider, for instance, to instruct only CDMA2000 (MOB\_P\_REV=6) mobiles to access specific carrier that is deployed to support advanced services known as 3G services. The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) CDMA 2000 (MOB\_P\_REV =6) standard is hereby incorporated by reference.

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[0014] Using the protocol revision attribute, the infrastructure can indicate that it intends to serve only mobile stations of a specific protocol revision, or not to serve mobile stations in a specified range of protocol revisions.

[0006] In another embodiment, data-only CDMA2000 mobiles are instructed to access specific carrier that is optimized to support high speed data services.

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[0015] With the service type attribute, the infrastructure can indicate that it intends to provide a specific type of service on a given CDMA carrier, or not to provide any particular type of service on a given CDMA carrier.

[0007] In yet another embodiment, pre-CDMA2000 mobiles (MOB\_P\_REV <6) are redirected by a conventional *Global Service Redirection Message* to another carrier, while CDMA2000 mobiles (MOB\_P\_REV ≥ 6) are instructed to ignore this redirection.

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[0016] The following are the changes to the current CDMA2000 signaling to support this invention:

[0008] In an embodiment used for a test deployment application, mobile stations of specific Access Overload Class (ACCOLC) corresponding to a particular revision level (MOB\_P\_REV) can be redirected to a

- Provide a new *Extended Global Service Direction Message* (EGSRM) to contain, in addition to the

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information provided in the *Global Service Redirection Message* (GSRM) currently defined in the IS-95B, the following information:

- The protocol revision, or a range of protocol revisions, of which the mobile stations of the selected ACCOLC class/classes are to be redirected.
- Service type being redirected: all with an exception or a specific type of service (such as voice, data, SMS, or reserve type for future expansion)
- Provide a new indicator or bit (EXT\_GLOBAL\_REDIRECT) in the *System Parameter Message* to indicate whether or not the *Extended Global Service Redirection Message* is being sent.

[0017] The following rules or procedures are used to determine how GSRM and EGSRM messages are used by all mobile stations including the old and new:

- If both the GLOBAL\_REDIRECT and EXT\_GLOBAL\_REDIRECT bits or indicators are set to '1' (or ACTIVE STATE),
  - The mobile stations with MOB\_P\_REV equal to or greater than 6 will be instructed by the *Extended Global Redirection Message* (EGSRM).
  - + The mobile stations of selected ACCOLC with MOB\_P\_REV in the range (DIRECT\_P\_MIN to DIRECT\_P\_MAX inclusive) will be redirected by the EGSRM.
  - The mobile stations with MOB\_P\_REV less than 6 will be instructed by the *Global Service Redirection Message* (GSRM).
- If GLOBAL\_REDIRECT bit is set '1' and EXT\_GLOBAL\_REDIRECT is set to '0', all mobile stations will be redirected by the *Global Service Redirection Message* (GSRM) as today.
- If EXT\_GLOBAL\_REDIRECT is set to '1' and GLOBAL\_REDIRECT is set to '0', only mobile stations with MOB\_P\_REV equal to or greater than 6 will be redirected by the EGSRM.
- When both GLOBAL\_REDIRECT and EXT\_GLOBAL\_REDIRECT are set to '0', there is no global service redirection.

[0018] FIG. 2 is a table summarizes the rules stated above.

#### Claims

1. A method for selectively redirecting a first type of

mobile telecommunications station and a second type mobile telecommunications station to seek communication services on a particular carrier signal, CHARACTERIZED BY the steps of:

providing a first and a second carrier signal;  
transmitting a first redirection message;  
transmitting a second redirection message, where the first redirect message only redirects the first type of mobile telecommunications station to a particular carrier signal.

2. The method of claim 1, further CHARACTERIZED BY the steps of:

transmitting a first indicator that signals that a first redirect message is being transmitted; and  
transmitting a second indicator that signals that a second redirect message is being transmitted.

3. The method of claim 2, CHARACTERIZED IN THAT the first indicator is active when the first redirect message is being transmitted to redirect the first type of mobile telecommunications station and the second indicator is active when the second redirect message is being transmitted to redirect the second type of mobile telecommunications station.

4. The method of claim 2, CHARACTERIZED IN THAT the first indicator is inactive and the second indicator is active when the second redirect message is being transmitted to redirect the first and second type of mobile telecommunications stations.

5. The method of claim 2, CHARACTERIZED IN THAT the first indicator is active when the first redirect message is being transmitted to redirect the first type of mobile telecommunications station and the second indicator is inactive so that the second type of mobile telecommunications station is not redirected.

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FIG. 1

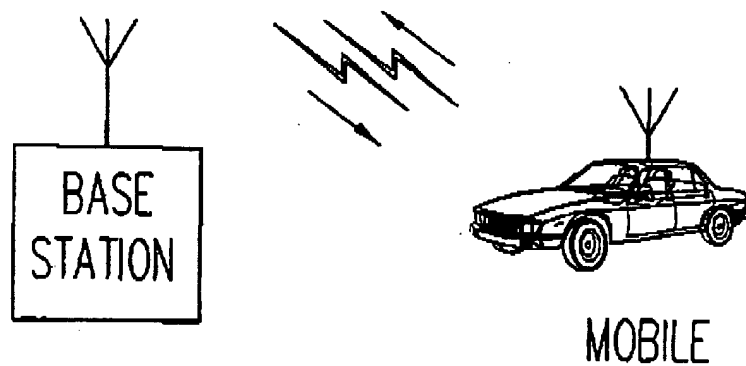


FIG. 2

GLOBAL_REDIRECT	EXT_GLOBAL_REDIRECT	PROCEDURES
1	1	GSRM USED FOR MOD_P_REV < 6 EGSRM USED FOR MOB_P_REV ≥ 6
1	0	GSRM USED FOR ALL MS
0	1	EGSRM USED FOR MOB_P_REV ≥ 6
0	0	NO REDIRECTION

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